

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01037-APM**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. U.S.
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/02/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**DEMOCRACY FORWARD
FOUNDATION**

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V.

Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/02/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5455753) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/02/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zmd) (Entered: 05/03/2018)
05/04/2018	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (tth) (Additional attachment(s) added on 5/4/2018: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd). (Entered: 05/04/2018)
05/17/2018	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/7/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/6/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/7/18., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION served on 5/7/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 05/17/2018)
06/06/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael Joseph Gerardi on behalf of GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 06/06/2018)

06/06/2018	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.(Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/07/2018	<u>6</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before June 21, 2018. Please see the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/07/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/07/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/21/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 06/08/2018)
06/21/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Status Report</i> by GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 06/21/2018)
06/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Motion to Extend Deadline to File Joint Status Report. The parties' Joint Status Report shall now be due on or before June 27, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/24/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 06/24/2018)
06/24/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/27/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
06/27/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 06/27/2018)
06/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before July 13, 2018, that updates the court on their progress and proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/28/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/28/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/13/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
07/13/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT (<i>Second</i>) by GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 07/13/2018)
07/16/2018	<u>10</u>	ORDER entering the briefing schedule proposed in the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report. The schedule for further proceedings in this matter is as follows: (1) Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment is due on or before September 7, 2018; (2) Plaintiff's Opposition and any Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment is due on or before October 5, 2018; (3) Defendant's Reply and Opposition to any Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment is due on or before November 2, 2018; and (4) Plaintiff's Reply in Support of any Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment is due on or before November 16, 2018. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/16/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/16/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/7/2018. Plaintiff's Opposition and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment due by 10/5/2018. Defendant's Reply and Opposition due by 11/2/2018. Plaintiff's Reply due by 11/16/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
09/07/2018	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Simmons Declaration, # <u>2</u> Gerardi Declaration, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
10/02/2018	<u>12</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 10/02/2018)
10/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiff's <u>12</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment. Plaintiff's Opposition and any Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment shall now be due on or before October 19, 2018; Defendant's Reply and Opposition to any Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment shall be due on or before November 28, 2018; and Plaintiff's Reply in Support of any Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment shall be due on or before December 14, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/03/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/03/2018)
10/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff's Opposition and any Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment due by 10/19/2018. Defendant's Reply and Opposition due by 11/28/2018. Plaintiff's Reply due by 12/14/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 10/03/2018)
10/19/2018	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment <i>and Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Attachments: #

		<u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Affidavit Declaration of Batul Contractor, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Thurston, Robin) Modified event title on 10/23/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 10/19/2018)
10/19/2018	<u>14</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>11</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (See Docket Entry <u>13</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
11/26/2018	<u>15</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>13</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment, <u>11</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment , MOTION to Amend/Correct <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 11/26/2018)
11/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>15</u> Consent Motion to Amend Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule. Defendant's Reply/Response shall now be due on or before December 10, 2018 and and Plaintiff's Reply shall be due on or before January 18, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/27/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 11/27/2018)
11/27/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Reply/Response due by 12/10/2018. Plaintiff's Reply due by 1/18/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>16</u>	RESPONSE re <u>13</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Greenfeld Declaration, # <u>2</u> Response to Plaintiff's Statement of Undisputed Facts)(Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>17</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>11</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Greenfeld Declaration, # <u>2</u> Response to Plaintiff's Statement of Undisputed Facts)(Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
01/15/2019	<u>18</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>18</u> Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment. Plaintiff's Reply shall now be due on or before January 25, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/16/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff's Reply due by 1/25/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/25/2019	<u>19</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>13</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
07/02/2019	<u>20</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION re: <u>11</u> <u>13</u> the parties' cross Motions for Summary Judgment. Please see the attached Memorandum Opinion for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/02/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
07/02/2019	<u>21</u>	ORDER: For the reasons stated in the <u>20</u> Memorandum Opinion, the court grants Defendant's <u>11</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and denies <u>13</u> Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. Please see the attached Order for further details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/02/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 07/02/2019)